

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 254

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mrs. Betty Cabe Carroll on being named the First Lady of Loudon County 2005 by the Laureate Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those citizens who through their many endeavors are a credit to their respective families and communities, and to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Mrs. Betty Cabe Carroll, who was recently named this year's First Lady of Loudon County by the Laureate Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi; and

WHEREAS, since 1961, the Laureate Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has been honoring women in the Loudon County community for their many contributions to their community, and Mrs. Carroll is most certainly one such individual who is deserving of being honored as the 2005 First Lady of Loudon County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this honor, Mrs. Cabe Carroll will be presented with the First Lady cup at the organization's First Lady Banquet on Saturday, April 9, 2005, at the Greenback Community Center, where family, friends, members of Laureate Alpha Beta Chapter, and past First Ladies will share in her joy; and

WHEREAS, chosen for her devotion to her community, Mrs. Carroll has been recognized as a visionary who recognized a need and worked diligently to provide what the welfare of her community called for; and

WHEREAS, happening upon the scene of an accident years ago, she stopped to help, doing all that she could, and she noted the lack of any medically skilled persons on the scene;

this experience fueled the realization that emergency services available to Greenback were limited and inadequate; and

WHEREAS, along with others in her community, Mrs. Carroll began working toward developing a volunteer rescue squad to serve Greenback; and

WHEREAS, after taking courses at William Blount Vocational School and Knoxville Vocational Centers, she became one of the first women in Tennessee to receive emergency medical technician certification and became a member of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians in the State; and

WHEREAS, having received her first-aid instructor training, she then trained some of the first volunteers in the Greenback Rescue Squad; she also was a key player in fund-raising efforts aimed at acquiring much-needed equipment and facilities for the squad; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Cabe Carroll is most appreciative of the love and companionship that she shares with her devoted and loving family; and

WHEREAS, born Betty Charles Hall to Earl and Mary Blanche Kidd Hall, Mrs. Carroll married Coy Cabe, also a native of Greenback, who passed away in 1974; the couple was blessed with two daughters, Patsy Cabe McCarter and Linda M. Cabe; and

WHEREAS, after Mr. Cabe's passing, Betty Cabe wed and shared her life with Mr. Andy J. Carroll, who passed away in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carroll also enjoys the love and joy she shares with her grandsons, Timothy M. McCarter and Dustin C. McCarter, and with her great-grandchildren, Timothy Hunter McCarter and Sydney O. McCarter; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of Morganton Baptist Church, which she has served faithfully since 1946, she has also contributed dutiful service to such laudable organizations as the American Red Cross, the local hospital Board, as well as Brownie and Girl Scouts activities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carroll is an extremely giving person who instinctively reaches out with compassion to people who have endured injury or suffering, and she epitomizes the ideal of the compassionate mother, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Betty Cabe Carroll is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Mrs. Betty Cabe Carroll, a woman of great integrity and commitment to serving others, on being selected as the 2005 First Lady of Loudon County, and we salute her unswerving dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.